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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

*Mr Central Intelligence  
Group (CIC)*

1. In connection with your historical item on the origins of CIA, I have a few suggestions for your consideration. Incidentally, I agree with the points which Jimmy Lay has mentioned to you and which I understand you have incorporated.

2. In the paragraph in the middle of page 4, which ends with the sentence, "These latter were put together in an organization known as the Strategic Services Unit (SSU)," you may want to add something along the following lines:

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*to be confirmed with*  
SSU was not put under G-2 but was put under the Under Secretary of War, and it is only fair to say that throughout the ensuing struggle for control and until SSU was taken over by G-2 it was left largely autonomous in its operations and received complete administrative support from the Army."

3. On page 5, after the first two sentences and before your statement on President Truman's directive of January 27, 1946, I suggest something along the following lines:

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Of the many studies and proposals probably the most influential was that of the so-called Lovett Committee, headed by Mr. Robert A. Lovett, Assistant Secretary of War for Air. This proposed a Central Intelligence Agency supported by an independent budget which would be responsible only to a National Intelligence Authority composed of the Secretaries of State, War and Navy and a representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

4. It may be a nitpick but you might want to have your last two sentences on page 6 read as follows:

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Under the <sup>A</sup>act the Central Intelligence Agency was placed ~~directly~~ under the direction of the National Security Council, which is composed of the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and other primary Presidential advisers in the field of foreign affairs. Interestingly enough, "CIA is the sole Agency of Government which as a matter of law is ~~responsible to~~ ~~directly under~~ the National Security Council, which is advisory only to the President, thus perpetuating the general principle of control at the White House level which President Truman had developed in creating the National Intelligence Authority.

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cc: Mr. James Lay

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*The function is*  
*solely*  
*forming*  
*establishing*